# **CHAPTER NO. 649**

# **SENATE BILL NO. 2236**

# By Kurita

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3283

# By Odom, Michael Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to certificate of need requirements for hospice.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, after the effective date of this act, a home care organization may only initiate hospice services after applying for and receiving a certificate of need for providing hospice services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 3, 2004** 

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004

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